

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition and designates May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as  
3 Early Ed Day at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization that  
5 was formed in 2018 and is comprised of more than two hundred businesses, chambers,  
6 advocacy organizations, and early childhood education professionals seeking sufficient  
7 investment in quality and affordable early childhood education in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in  
9 quality and affordable early childhood education will prepare students for a smart start in  
10 life, enable families to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for  
11 local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, research shows that early experiences affect the development of the  
13 brain's architecture and provide the foundation for future learning, health, and social  
14 behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and  
16 emotional development, physical development, and more; and

17 WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development takes place between birth and age  
18 four, and because the early years are when the foundation of the brain is built, children who  
19 begin school behind generally remain behind; and

20 WHEREAS, children who receive quality and affordable early childhood education  
21 experience long-term improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; and

1           WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the average family can spend as much on child care as  
2 they do on in-state college tuition, and these expenses are often a considerable part of their  
3 household budget; and

4           WHEREAS, the current lack of quality and affordable early childhood education  
5 harms all families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty  
6 during this critical age for early brain development; and

7           WHEREAS, lack of quality and affordable early childhood education affects the  
8 future workforce and has a substantial impact on worker participation and productivity of  
9 the current workforce in the state; and

10          WHEREAS, research shows that the state can achieve a thirteen percent return on  
11 public investment in quality and affordable early childhood education; and

12          WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have  
13 resulted in more than \$1.3 billion in losses for Louisiana's economy; and

14          WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition works to provide access to quality and  
15 affordable early childhood education to improve children's outcomes, strengthen their  
16 families, and build the economy.

17          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does  
19 hereby designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the state capitol.

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